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District Manager Sally Martino Fisher *Election of Officers*

Happy Holidays to All

From the BCCA

December 2, 1993
at 8PM

House of Hope Church
Corner 85 Ave & 248th St.

We meet the first Thursday of each month at the House of Hope Church, corner 248th Street and 85th Avenue at 8:00PM

The Gavel

After a year of operating without a president, we are thrilled that someone from the community has stepped forward and is willing to serve - if elected, of course. On December 2 the BCCA will elect its slate of officers for 1994. The slate is presented inside for your information. Please see the accompanying article about the officers and particularly the new president.

If you drive down Hillside Avenue and look north near the Cross Island YMCA, you will notice a small housing development taking shape. This is the senior citizen housing program that was approved a few years ago. The project is supplemented housing under a federal program. Fifty one or two-person apartments will fill this space in just a few months. But there are income limitations and application details you should know about. A report from Catholic Charities will be available at our December 2 meeting to update us on the program.

Meetings

In November we were pleased to host a representative of the new Little Neck Community Hospital. Formerly known as Deepdale Hospital, LNCH is being re-organized with a serious goal of providing needed services to the community and improved medical attention at reasonable rates.

As mentioned above,

December's meeting will feature our District Manager from Community Board 13Q. The DM is responsible for coordinating city services. We have also invited several youths of the area to meet with interested BCCA members prior to the December meeting, at 7PM in House of Hope basement meeting room, to discuss common issues. Elections will begin at 9.

In January our new officers will be inducted by Assemblywoman Barbara Clark. Last inauguration Ms. Clark field numerous questions about legislative actions and initiatives from gun control, education, drugs, housing, etc.

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Holiday Decorations

The BCCA once again will conduct its holiday decorations competition. Officers and members will ride throughout the BCCA area early in December to evaluate and select the best decorated homes in Bellerose.

Over the past three years we have sponsored this program we have seen more and more decorations - and they're getting better and better.

We are looking forward to



seeing the prettiest display of Bellerose homes ever. Be sure to get out there and dress up your home early in December.

Winners will walk away with \$25 towards the purchase of next years decorations - or for any other purpose. Houses that deserve honorable mention will be mentioned in our January **Action News**.

Good luck! Anyone interested in being a judge call Rich at 343-5397 by December 8.



New Year's Dance

St. Gregory's Athletic Association & the Knights of Columbus will be holding their annual New Year's Eve Dance on December 31, 1993 from 9pm to 2am in Gregorian Hall. Music will be provided by "Nightlife."

The \$37.50 per person cost includes hot buffet, open bar, wine, champagne, coffee and cookies. For more information or tickets call Pat 343-0722, Maureen 347-1849 or Maureen 347-6523.

Susan Noreika Honored

By: R. C. Hellenbrecht

Sue Noreika, chair of Community Board 13Q for over twenty years, was honored for her long time dedication to the people of northeast Queens at a dinner in the New Hyde Park Inn on October 17.

Sue is truly a one of a kind person who has dedicated her entire adult life in service to the community: first as PTA president, then civic activist and finally in the extremely active and important role of Community Board Chair.

As a member of Community Board 13 myself I can speak about Sue in her Community Board role. In this voluntary position Sue works feverishly running the Board operation, attending meetings throughout the city and coordinating city service delivery. Sue's knowledge and experience have been key in evaluating upcoming

projects and taking necessary actions to protect the community from potential problems.

Sue has appeared frequently at the BCCA over the years and has always been supportive of our organization and others in the area. We are pleased that Sue is continuing as Chair and we look forward to working with her on several more budgets, quality of life issues and problems - major and minor.

Holy Trinity

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church presents a **Service of Lessons and Carols** on Sunday Dec. 12 at 4pm. Vocal and Bell Choirs perform. Covered dish supper to follow.

Advent Services will be held on Wednesdays at 8pm. Christmas Eve Services will be at 7:30 and 10pm. All events and services located at 87th Ave. and Commonwealth Blvd.

Real Estate Taxes

There has been much written lately about revising real estate taxes for single family and double family homeowners. Proponents argue that individuals who own condominiums are charged at much higher rates than homeowners in low density areas like Bellerose.

Many would agree that there is some inequity in this practice, yet what could be more important than the preservation of single family areas like Bellerose. If tax practices change as has been proposed homeowners may be subject to increases of over a thousand dollars per year over the next ten years. This may force many homeowners to leave these areas long before they would have and flee to the suburbs.

We suggest you write to City Councilman Sheldon Lefler to support the defeat of any Council initiative to restructure real estate taxes.

Election Day

Last month we elected a new Mayor, but this month we get to elect some people closer to home. On December 2 we will vote for new officers and half of the Directors of the organization. Especially, we will vote for a new president. BCCA has been suffered over the past year without an elected president and we look forward to strength and direction of a new person.

On behalf of the Slate Committee, Rich Hellenbrecht nominated at the November meeting the following members for officer positions:

Vice President-Pat Pearson
Treasurer-Rich Hellenbrecht
Recording Secretary-Richard McGuire

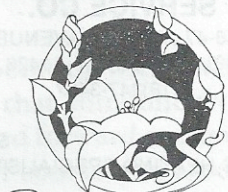
Corresponding Sec'y-Carol Robinson
Directors (two year terms):
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Bernard Wechsler
Lorraine Anzalone
Ralph Elbaum

For President we have nominated Joseph Byrne. Joe is a NYC police lieutenant. He works in Jamaica. Joe has been a Bellerose resident for over seven years and has thirteen years on the police force. Joe spoke briefly after his nomination and promised to establish a definite agenda and attempt to systematically correct neighborhood issues. For example, Joe said he is most disturbed at the truck sales of furniture on Hillside and Jericho. Joe is committed to working on such issues.

Queens Congress

BP Claire Shulman has invited Queens residents to its first ever civic congress on December 5 from 12:30PM until 4. The congress will be at Queens College 65-21 Main Street in Flushing.

Concurrent workshop sessions will be on: Education, Economic Development, Zoning and Land Use, Delivery of City Services and Social Services. Call 286-2900 to register.



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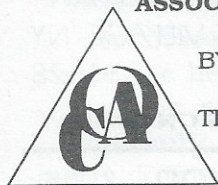
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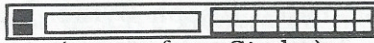
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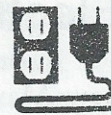
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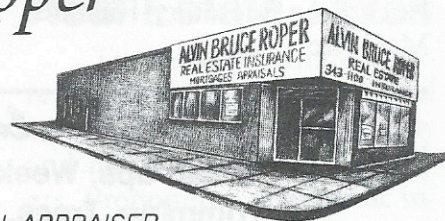
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